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In re Application of	:	
HSUAN-MING SHIH	:	DECISION ON
Application No.: 10/500,421	:	
PCT No.: PCT/CN02/00546	:	
Int. Filing Date: 07 August 2002	:	PETITION UNDER
Priority Date: 29 December 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No.: LPTF01	:	
For: A PORTABLE DATA CONVERSION	:	37 CFR 1.182
WITH STANDARD DATA PORT	:	

This decision is in response to applicant's "Notification of Correcting Typographical Error in Inventor's Name" filed on 25 June 2004 indicating that the executed declaration filed on June 25, 2004 contains the corrected Inventor's name which is HSUAN-MING SHIH. This is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and \$130.00 petition fee has been charged to applicant's Deposit Account No.: 50-0710.

DISCUSSION

On 07 August 2002, applicant filed international application No. PCT/CN02/00546, which claims a priority date of 29 December 2001.

On 25 June 2004, applicant filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) a Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390) accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee, an executed declaration and the instant communication. The communication indicated that the correct name of the inventor is HSUAN-MING SHIH as stated on the Declaration attached and not as previously filed with the international application (PCT/CN02/00546) as Xuanming SHI.

DISCUSSION

It is unclear from the submission whether the corrected name is due to a name change or a typographical error since applicant has provided no explanation as to why the mistake was a typographical error. The current name is significantly different from the one listed in the international application. Therefore, the declaration of the inventor is not acceptable at this time, in that the name of the named inventor, HSUAN-MING SHIH, does not correspond to that set forth in the international application, Xuanming SHI.

MPEP § 605.04(c) requires in instances where an inventor has changed his or her name after the application has been filed to submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. The petition must include (1) the appropriate petition fee and (2) an affidavit signed with both names setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

Applicant must provide items (1) and (2) for consideration. Alternatively, applicants may provide a showing that the name change was effected in accordance with PCT Rule 92Bis prior to the filing of the present national stage application.

If, however, the name change is due to a typographical error then applicant needs to state and explain it.

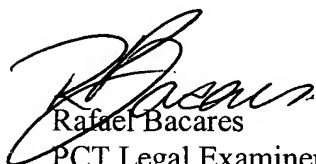
For the reasons above, the application may not enter into national stage processing at this time.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.

A proper response to the Notice must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file the proper response will result in ABANDONMENT.

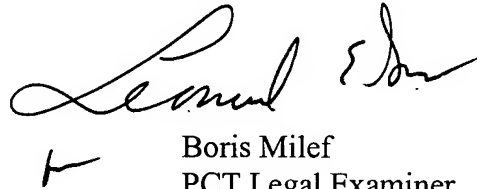
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